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EDITORIAL

In our days of tight budgets and shrinking library acquisitions, the Meeter Center is happy to remind its readers of the fellowships which it provides and announce some of its rare-book acquisitions.

Although all fellowships for the summer of 1993 have been awarded, we want to remind faculty members that we offer summer stipends in the amount of \$2,000 for study at the Meeter Center. Colleagues on sabbatical can also come during the school year. There are opportunities for graduate students as well. Please note the "Fellowships & Awards" section on the other side.

This academic year we were able to acquire two different editions of Calvin's *Institutes*, a 1553 Latin and the first English language edition from 1561. Calvin's *Psalms* commentary, in Latin, from 1557 was also added.

The information contained in the *Newsletter* was submitted by a number of you. Please continue to keep us informed, especially about work being done on dissertations. Knowing what topics graduate students are doing at other universities can be very valuable to other graduate students!

Richard C. Gamble
Editor

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Books

Mary Potter Engel and Walter E. Wyman, eds., *Revisioning the Past: Prospects in Historical Theology*, (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1993). It has two chapters on Calvin.

Philip C. Holtrop, *The Bolsec Controversy on Predestination, from 1551 to 1555: The Statements of Jerome Bolsec, and the Responses of John Calvin, Theodore Beza, and Other Reformed Theologians* (Lewiston, New York: Edwin Mellen Press, 1993). This study examines the tensions in Reformed communities in the most crucial years in the development of the Reformed doctrine of predestination. Volume One: Theological Currents, the Setting and Mood, and the Trial Itself. Book 1: Introduction and Parts One and Two. Book 2: Parts Three through Six; Bibliography and Indexes.

John H. Leith, *Basic Christian Doctrine* (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1993).

John H. Leith, ed. with Stacy Johnson, *Reformed Reader: A Source Book in Christian Theology, Vol. 1: Classical Beginnings 1519-1799* (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1993).

Jill Raitt, *The Colloquy of Montbéliard: Religion and Politics in the Sixteenth Century* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1993).

Articles

Donald K. McKim, "A Trinitarian, Reformed Spirituality," in *The Presbyterian Outlook*, Vol. 175, no. 1 (January 4-11, 1993), p. 6.

Raymond A. Mentzer, "France," in W.S. Maitby (ed.), *Reformation Europe: A Guide to Research II*. Vol. 3, *Reformation Guides to Research* (St. Louis: Center for Reformation Research, 1992), pp. 189-213.

Raymond A. Mentzer, "The Reformed Churches of France and Medieval Canon Law," in R.H. Helmholz, (ed.), *Canon Law in Protestant Lands*. Vol. 11, *Comparative Studies in Continental and Anglo-American Legal History* (Berlin: Duncker and Humblot, 1992), pp. 165-185.

Jill Raitt, "Probably They Are God's Children: Theodore Beza's Doctrine of Baptism," in *Humanism and Reform: The Church in Europe, England, and Scotland, 1400-1643. Essays in Honour of James K. Cameron*, James Kirk, ed. (Oxford: Blackwell Publishers, 1991), pp. 151-170.

Reviews

Review of Calvin's *Instruction in Faith* (1537), ed. and trans. Paul T. Fuhrmann by Donald K. McKim in *Reformed Review* Vol. 46, no. 1 (Autumn 1992), p. 68.

DISSERTATIONS

Abraham A. Akrong, *An Akan Christian View of Salvation from the Perspective of John Calvin's Soteriology* (Th.D. dissertation, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, 1991).

Michael C. Armour, *Calvin's Hermeneutic and the History of Christian Exegesis* (Ph.D. dissertation, University of California, 1992).

Raymond A. Blacketer, *John Calvin's Doctrine of Christian Liberty and Some Implications for Pastoral Care* (Th.M. thesis, Calvin Seminary, 1992).

Philip W. Butin, *Calvin, the Trinity, and the Divine-Human Relationship* (Ph.D. dissertation, Duke University, 1991).

John J. Denniston, *An Examination of Calvin's Theory of Knowledge in His Theology and Exegesis* (Ph.D. dissertation, Fordham University, 1991).

Adrian A. Helleman, *John Calvin on Papal Primacy: His Critique of the Primacy of the Bishop of Rome in Light of the Pre-Reformation Tradition and the Contemporary Ecumenical Dialogues*, 2 Vols., (Ph.D. dissertation, Toronto School of Theology, 1992).

Lynda S. Jones, "Fulfilled in Your Hearing:" *Rhetoric and Doctrine in John Calvin's Institutes of the Christian Religion*. (Ph.D. dissertation, Yale University, 1991).

Jeong W. Kim, *The Relevance of Calvin's Ethics to Basic Issues in Contemporary Virtue Ethics* (Th.M. thesis, Calvin Seminary, 1992).

Dirk W. Rodgers, *John à Lasco in England* (Ph.D. dissertation, Drew University, 1991).

FORTHCOMING WORKS

Philip C. Holtrop, Volume II of *The Bolsec Controversy on Predestination, from 1551 to 1555* (see book notice above on Volume I). This volume will consist of translations concerning the Bolsec affair.

John H. Leith, "Calvin's Theological Realism and the Future of his Theology" for an anthology of articles being edited by David Willis-Watkins.

NEW PUBLICATION VENTURE

Columbia Theological Seminary and Westminster/John Knox Press are sponsoring a new series of books on Reformed Theology. Advisers are Brian Gerrish, Shirley Guthrie, Donald McKim, Amy Plantinga Pauw, and George Stroup. Projects using a variety of methods—historical, literary, systematic and others—are welcome for consideration. Priority will be given to manuscripts of under 300 typed pages. They and all inquiries should be sent to Dr. Cynthia Thompson, Westminster/John Knox Press, 100 Witherspoon Street, Louisville, KY 40206. Telephone (502) 569-5024.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Scholars having faculty status at their institution may apply for a **Meeter Center Research Fellowship** for summer study at the Center. The appointment carries a stipend of \$2,000, and the use of an office in the Center. College, university or seminary students (other than Calvin) may apply for a **Student Research Fellowship** which carries a stipend of \$500 and the use of a study area within the Meeter Center. The **Emo J. Van Halsema Fellowship** is offered to ministers in the Reformed tradition to support their research in Calvin and Calvinism and awards \$500. Applications for fellowships are available from the Meeter Center and must be returned by January 1, 1994 to be considered for the following summer.

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